

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24 and 27-28 have been allowed. By this amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 25 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0101991 to Bacon et al. Applicants have cancelled claims 25 and 26. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

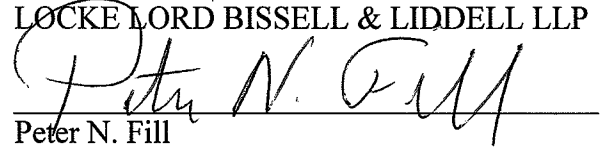
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No. 1004289.193US.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **504827**, Order No. 1004289.193US.

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